IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently Amended) An information processing apparatus for controlling transfer of contents to a destination information processing apparatus, <u>the information processing apparatuses being located in close proximity to each other and being owned by the same user, said information processing apparatus</u> comprising:

storage means for storing a usage control status; and

judgment means for judging whether transfer of said contents is possible in accordance with said usage control status;

wherein said judgment means performs the judging based on ID information stored [[to]] <u>in</u> the storage area of said destination information processing apparatus ~~in said usage control status~~.

10. (Previously Presented) The information processing apparatus according to claim 9, wherein said judgment means judges that transfer of said contents is possible when said ID information comprises the source information processing apparatus ID.

11. (Currently Amended) An information processing apparatus for canceling transfer of contents when the transfer of contents is performed to a destination information processing apparatus, <u>the information processing apparatuses being located in close proximity to each other and being owned by the same user, said information processing apparatus</u> comprising:

storage means for storing a usage control status; and

judgment means for judging whether canceling transfer of said contents is possible in accordance with said usage control status;

wherein said judgment means performs the judging based on ID information stored [[to]] in the storage area of said destination information processing apparatus ~~in said usage control status~~.

12. (Previously Presented) The information processing apparatus according to claim 11, wherein said judgment means judges that canceling transfer of said contents is possible when said ID information comprises destination information processing apparatus ID.

13. (Previously Presented) The information processing apparatus according to claim 12, wherein said judgment means judges whether canceling transfer of said contents is possible when ID information further stored to the storage area of the source information processing apparatus in said usage control status comprises the source information processing apparatus ID.

14. (Currently Amended) An information processing apparatus for canceling transfer of contents when transfer of contents is performed to a destination information processing apparatus, the information processing apparatuses being located in close proximity to each other and being owned by the same user, said information processing apparatus comprising:

storage means for storing a usage control status; and

judgment means for judging whether canceling transfer of said contents is possible in accordance with said usage control status;

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wherein said judgment means performs the judging based on ID information stored [[to]] in the storage area of said source information processing apparatus in said usage control status.

15. (Previously Presented) The information processing apparatus according to claim 14, wherein said judgment means judges that canceling transfer of said contents is possible when said ID information comprises the source information processing apparatus ID.

16. (Previously Presented) The information processing apparatus according to claim 14, wherein said judgment means judges that canceling transfer of said contents is possible when ID information further stored to the storage area of the destination information processing apparatus in said usage control status comprises the destination information processing apparatus ID.

17. (Currently Amended) An information processing system for canceling transfer of contents when transfer of contents is performed from a first information processing apparatus to a second information processing apparatus, the information processing apparatuses being located in close proximity to each other and being owned by the same user;

said first information processing apparatus comprising:

first storage means for storing a first usage control status; and

first judgment means for judging whether canceling transfer of said contents is possible based on said first usage control status; and

wherein said second information processing apparatus comprises:

second storage means for storing a second usage control status; and

second judgment means for judging whether canceling transfer of said contents is

possible based on said second usage control status;

wherein transfer of said contents is canceled based on the result of said first judgment

means and said second judgment means.

18. (Previously Presented) The information processing system according to claim 17,

wherein it is judged that canceling transfer of said contents is possible when ID information

stored to the storage area of said destination information processing apparatus in first and second

usage control status comprises the first information processing apparatus ID and ID information

stored to the storage area of said first information processing apparatus in first and second usage

control status comprises the second information processing apparatus ID.

19. (Currently Amended) An information processing apparatus for controlling transfer

of contents to a destination information processing apparatus, the information processing

apparatuses being located in close proximity to each other and being owned by the same user,

said information processing apparatus comprising:

storage means for storing a usage control status;

judgment means for judging whether transfer of said contents is possible based on said

usage control status; and

change means for changing said usage control status based on the result of said judgment

means;

wherein when said judgment means judges that transfer of said contents is possible, said

change means changes ID information stored [[to]] in the storage area of said destination

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information processing apparatus ~~in said usage control status~~ into the destination information

processing apparatus ID.

20. (Previously Presented) The information processing apparatus according to claim 19,

wherein:

said information processing apparatus further comprises a transmitting means, and

said transmitting means transmits the changed usage control status to said destination

information processing apparatus.

21. (Currently Amended) An information processing system for controlling transfer of

contents when the transfer of contents is performed from a first information processing apparatus

to a second information processing apparatus, the information processing apparatuses being

located in close proximity to each other and being owned by the same user;

said first information processing apparatus comprising:

storage means for storing a usage control status;

judgment means for judging whether controlling transfer of said contents is possible

based on said usage control status;

change means for changing said usage control status based on the result of said judgment

means; and

transmitting means for transmitting the usage control status changed by said change

means to said second information processing apparatus;

wherein said second information processing apparatus comprises:

receiving means for receiving said usage control status transmitted by said transmitting means;

wherein when said judgment means judges that transfer of said contents is possible, said change means changes ID information stored [[to]] in the storage area of said destination information processing apparatus ~~in said usage control status~~ into the second information processing apparatus ID.

22. (Previously Presented) The information processing system according to claim 21, wherein said second information processing apparatus further comprises generation means, said generation means for generating the new usage control status for using said second information processing apparatus based on said usage control status received by said receiving means.

23. (Previously Presented) The information processing system according to claim 21, wherein said second information processing apparatus further comprises generation means, said generation means for generating the new usage control status for using a third information processing apparatus based on said usage control status change means transmitted by said transmitted means.

24. (Currently Amended) An information processing apparatus for canceling transfer of contents when transfer of contents is performed from a first information processing apparatus to a second information processing apparatus, the information processing apparatuses being located in close proximity to each other and being owned by the same user, said information processing apparatus comprising:

storage means for storing a usage control status;

judgment means for judging whether canceling transfer of said contents is possible based on said usage control status; and

change means for changing said usage control status based on the result of said judgment means;

wherein when said judgment means judges that transfer of said contents is possible, said change means changes ID information stored [[to]] in the storage area of said destination information processing apparatus in said usage control status into the first information processing apparatus ID or initial value.

25. (Currently Amended) An information processing system for canceling transfer of contents when transfer of contents is performed from a first equipment information processing apparatus to a second information processing apparatus the information processing apparatuses being located in close proximity to each other and being owned by the same user;

said first information processing apparatus comprising:

first storage means for storing a first usage control status;

judgment means for judging whether canceling transfer of said contents is possible based on said first usage control status;

change means for changing said usage control status based on the result of said judgment means; and

transmitting means for transmitting a transfer cancel command to said second information processing apparatus; and

said second information processing apparatus comprising:

second storage means for storing a second usage control status;

receiving means for receiving said transfer cancel command; and

deletion means for deleting said second usage control status;

wherein when said judgment means judges that canceling transfer of said contents is possible, said change means changes ID information stored [[to]] in the storage area of said second information processing apparatus in said first usage control status into the first information processing apparatus ID or initial value; and

wherein said deletion means deletes said second usage control status when said receiving means receives said transfer cancel command.

26. (Previously Presented) The information processing system according to claim 25, wherein

said second information processing apparatus further comprises reply means,

said reply means replaying a signal indicative of said first information processing apparatus, after said deletion means deleted said second usage control status, and

wherein said change means changes said first usage control status after receiving said completion signal of deletion.

27. (Currently Amended) An information processing method for performing transfer of contents from a first information processing apparatus to a destination information processing apparatus, the information processing apparatuses being located in close proximity to each other and being owned by the same user, said information processing method comprising the steps of:

storing a usage control status; and

judging whether transfer of said contents is possible based on said usage control status;

wherein said judging is based on ID information stored [[to]] in the storage area of said

destination information processing apparatus in said usage control status.

28. (Currently Amended) An information processing method for canceling transfer of

contents when transfer of contents is performed from a first information processing apparatus to

a destination information processing apparatus, the information processing apparatuses being

located in close proximity to each other and being owned by the same user, said information

processing method comprising the steps of:

storing a usage control status; and

judging whether canceling the transfer of said contents is possible based on said usage

control status; and

wherein said judging is based on ID information stored [[to]] in the storage area of said

destination information processing apparatus in said usage control status.

29. (Currently Amended) An information processing method for canceling transfer of

contents when transfer of contents is performed from a first information processing apparatus to

a destination information processing apparatus, the information processing apparatuses being

located in close proximity to each other and being owned by the same user, said information

processing method comprising the steps of:

storing a usage control status; and

judging whether canceling transfer of said contents is possible based on said usage

control status;

wherein said judging is based on ID information stored [[to]] in the storage area of said

source information processing apparatus ~~in said usage control status~~.

30. (Currently Amended) An information processing method for controlling transfer of

contents from a first information processing apparatus to a destination information processing

apparatus, the information processing apparatuses being located in close proximity to each other

and being owned by the same user, said information processing method comprising the steps of:

storing a usage control status;

judging whether transfer of said contents is possible based on said usage control status;

and

changing said usage control status based on the result of said judgment step;

wherein when it is judged that transfer of said contents is possible, said ID information

stored [[to]] in the storage area of said destination information processing apparatus ~~in said usage~~

~~control status~~ is changed into the destination information processing apparatus ID.

31. (Currently Amended) An information processing method for canceling transfer of

contents when transfer of contents is performed from a first information processing apparatus to

a second information processing apparatus, the information processing apparatuses being located

in close proximity to each other and being owned by the same user, said information processing

method comprising the steps of:

storing a usage control status;

judging whether canceling transfer of said contents is possible based on said usage

control status; and

changing said usage control status based on the result of said judgment step;

wherein when it is judged that transfer of said contents is possible, said ID information

stored [[to]] in the storage area of said destination information processing apparatus in said usage

control status is changed into the source information processing apparatus ID or initial value.